

## Patricia S. Ward

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### EDUCATION

- September 2014-Present      PhD Candidate  
Department of Sociology, Boston University  
Dissertation: *How Humanitarian Relief 'Works': International Aid Organizations and Local Labor in Crisis Contexts*  
Committee: Julian Go (Chair), Emily Barman, Noora Lori, Ashley Mears  
Research Interests: Global/Transnational Sociology, Work & Occupations, Organizations, Race and Ethnicity, Middle East
- December 2011      Bachelor of Arts in International Studies  
*Minor in Public Administration, Minor in Economics*  
American University, Washington, DC  
Phi Beta Kappa, Summa cum Laude  
GPA: 3.95/4.0 Scale

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Ward, P. Forthcoming. "What do they want from us?' Rethinking how locals 'work' to meet their employers' expectations in Jordan's aid sector." *Sociology of Development*.
- Ward, P. Forthcoming. "Capitalizing on 'local knowledge': The labor practices behind successful aid projects, the case of Jordan." *Current Sociology*.
- Ward, P. 2014. "Refugee cities: Reflections on the development and impact of UNHCR urban refugee policy in the Middle East." *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 33(1): 77-93.
- Esser, D. and P. Ward. 2013. "Ageing as a global public health challenge: From complexity reduction to aid effectiveness." *Global Public Health* 8(7): 745-768.
- Ward, P. 2012. "Evolving roles of national and international NGOs in protracted urban refugee contexts: The case of Iraqis in the Middle East." *Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration* 2(1): 17-20.

#### Other Publications

- Ward, P. 2018. "Place Matters: Understanding Aid Work in Jordan through Cafe Interviews." American Center for Oriental Research Blog. <<https://www.acorjordan.org/2018/02/06/understanding-aid-work/>>.

Ward, P. 2016. ““Are you really a refugee?”: Exploring academia’s impact on framing current discourse and approaches to resettlement,” in *After the Flight: The Dynamics of Refugee Settlement and Integration*, M. Poteet and S. Nourpanah (eds), UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. 81-102.

Ward, P. 2016. Book review of *Transit States: Labour, Migration and Citizenship in the Gulf*, A. Khalaf, O. AlShehabi, and A. Hanieh (eds), *Journal of Arabian Studies* 6(1): 118-121.

## **In Progress**

Ward, P., Mears, A., and M. Anteby. “Learning to labor like a hard-working immigrant.”  
*Under preparation for submission.*

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

**Human Resources Policy Institute Research Award**, Boston University, with Michel Anteby and Ashley Mears, 2019 (\$4,000).

**Council of American Overseas Research (CAORC) Pre-Dissertation Fellowship**, 2017-2018 (\$19,500).

**Morris Dissertation Support Grant**, Department of Sociology, Boston University, 2017-2018 (\$2,000).

**Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Travel Grant**, Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies and Civilizations, Boston University, 2016 (\$1,500).

**Morris Student Travel Grant**, Department of Sociology, Boston University, 2015-2019 (\$500).

**Dean’s Fellowship**, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University, 2014-2019 (\$20,000).

**Fulbright Research Fellowship**, Fulbright Canada, York University’s Centre for Refugee Studies, 2012-2013 (\$15,000).

**Research Grant for Discussion Paper Series**, UNDP Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries (ACIAC) Program, with Qasem Newashi, 2012 (\$15,000).

**Independent Research Grant**, UNHCR Small Grants Programme, 2011-2012 (\$5,000).

**Travel Scholarship Grant**, American University, Washington, DC, 2011 (\$2,500).

**Tuition Academic Merit Award for Academic Excellence**, American University, Washington, DC, 2008-2011 (\$20,000).

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting**, San Antonio, Texas. “Who speaks for the local? The role of aid workers in ‘localizing’ humanitarian aid in Jordan.” November 2018.

**Social Science History Association Annual Meeting**, Phoenix, Arizona. “Position available...for Nationals only’: Examining racializing work routines and processes in the humanitarian aid sector, the case of Jordan.” November 2018.

**American Sociological Association Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. “Reframing exploitation as humanitarian? Exploring workers’ construction of ‘the local’ in Jordanian aid organizations.” August 2018.

**American Sociological Association Pre-Meeting Workshop on Race and International Organizations**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. “‘Working’ for trust: Rethinking organization-donor relations through racializing hiring practices.” August 2018.

**Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology Annual Seminar**, Bielefeld, Germany. “Working to include or exclude the ‘vulnerable’? The role of aid workers’ constructions of ‘the local’ in shaping aid distribution processes, the case of Jordan.” July 2018.

**Decolonizing the Social Workshop**, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. “What state of exception? Imperial origins of the ‘new’ migration-security narrative, the case of the contemporary Middle East.” May 2017.

**Invited Presenter, Second Conference on Managing Migration in World Society: International Organisations in Migration Politics**, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. “Classifying migrants to classify themselves: Global migration management as an emerging social field.” March 2017.

**Middle East Studies Association Fiftieth Annual Meeting**, Boston, Massachusetts. “Beyond the dollar signs: Gulf states, UNHCR, and shifting refugee relief practices.” November 2016.

**International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) Annual Conference**, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland. “Many ‘moving’ parts: Rethinking refugees, relief, and knowledge production on migration.” July 2016.

**Producing Knowledge on Migration: Methodology, Epistemology and Ethics**, University of Paris 13, Paris, France. “All talk? Examining institutions’ roles in shaping migration management discourse in global forum spaces.” May 2015.

**Invited Presenter, Department of Economics, Marquette University**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. “Contested spaces: Exploring urban refugee policy in the Middle East.” May 2015.

**American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, Illinois. “Aging as a global public health challenge: Dimensions of demographic divergence in the Global South.” August 2013.

**Immigration and Settlement: Precarious Futures? 2013 RCIS Conference**, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada. "Assessing the refugee 'label' and process in the labour market: Perceptions of refugee workforce experiences in Canada." May 2013.

**Oxford University's Thirtieth Annual Refugee Studies Centre Conference**, Oxford University, Oxford, England. "Refugee cities: Reflections on the development and impact of UNHCR urban refugee policy in the Middle East." December 2012.

## TEACHING

**Teaching Fellow**, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Global Challenges, Spring 2020  
**Instructor**, Introduction to Sociology, Summer 2019  
**Teaching Fellow**, Introduction to Sociology, Fall/Spring 2015-2017

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**English Editor & Consultant**, Parallel Perspective Consulting (Q Perspective). Amman, Jordan. January 2018-Present (occasional contracts).

**Research Assistant**, Questrom School of Business at Boston University, Department of Organizational Behavior. Boston, Massachusetts. September 2016-December 2017.

**English Editor**, Al-Bawaba News Group. Amman, Jordan. September 2013-July 2014.

**Project Assistant/Grantwriter**, Al-Hayat Center for Civil Society Development. Amman, Jordan. February 2011-July 2011.

## SERVICE

**Graduate Co-Chair**, Boston University's Pardee Initiative on Forced Migration and Human Trafficking, 2015-2016.

**Member of Student Editorial Board**, *Political Power and Social Theory*, 2015-Present.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (2014-Present)  
Middle East Studies Association (2015-Present)

## LANGUAGES

**English** (native)  
**Arabic** (Reading: Intermediate; Writing: Intermediate; Speaking: Advanced Intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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